(2) साहित्यक पुस्तकों की बजाए हल्की पाठ्य सामग्री वाली पुस्तकें होनी चाहिए जिनमें सामान्य किस्म की कथा-कहानियां और उपन्यास हो सकते हैं । तथा जिनको पढने के लिए अधिक लोगों की इनमें रूचि हो सके । इनमें साहसिक खोज तथा राष्ट्रगीतों पर पुस्तकें, भजन गीत और कवितायें भी शामिल है) ;

(3) राष्ट्रीय और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय नेताओं की जीवनी और आत्मकथायें ;

(4) व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण, , खेल-कूद, सामाजिक और प्रोयोगिक विज्ञान तथा धर्म से संबंधित पुस्तकें जिनमें रक्षा विषयों पर हिन्दी में लिखी पुरस्कृत पुस्तकें भी शामिल है ;

(5) राष्ट्रीय बुक ट्रस्ट और ऐसे ही अन्य निकायों द्वारा प्रकाशित पुस्तकें ;

(6) ऐसी पुस्तकें जिन्हें केंद्रीय अथवा राज्य शैक्षिक पुरस्कार मिले है ;

निम्नलिखित प्रकार की पुस्तको के चयन के लिए सिफारिश नहीं की जाती हैं :—

(1) ऐसी पुस्तकें जो विभिन्न धर्मों और विचार धाराओं की भावनाओं को ठेस पहुंचा सकती है ;

(2) विवादित राजनैतिक पुस्तकें ;

(3) ऐसी पुस्तकें जो राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा के लिए खतरा हो सकती हों ;

(4) व्यावसायिक अथवा तकनीकी विषयों पर पुस्तकें ;

(5) विवादित मुद्दों पर आपत्ति-जनक सामग्री वाली पुस्तकें ;

(6) ऐसी पुस्तकें जिनसे रक्षा-सेवा कार्मिकों के मनोबल पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ सकता है ;

(7) ऐसी पुस्तकें जिन्हें अश्लील साहित्य के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया जा सकता हो ।

(ग) पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान भाग (ख) के उत्तर में बताई गई पुस्तकें विभिन्न भाषाओं में खरीदी गई थी । सेना के लिए पुस्तकों की खरीद पर वर्ष 1990–91 के दौरान 22.18 लाख रुपए और वर्ष 91–92 के दौरान 31.11 लाख रूपए खर्च किए गए ।

Reduction in expenditure by Indian Navy

3526. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy has taken any step so far to optimise its inventory holding of stocks and stores with a view to reduce costs; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The Indian Navy have taken several steps towards optimising their inventory holding of stock and stores with a view to reducing expenditures. These include standardisation of the main equipment and disposal of surplus stores and unserviceable and Beyond Economic Repairs (BER) items).

Economy drive by Indian Air Force

3527. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) have undertaken any measures to reduce their maintenance expenditure; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last three years and till date?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) The IAF has undertaken a

number of steps to reduce maintenances expenditure, which include: closer scrutiny of maintenance requirements to ensure against over-provisioning; indigenisation of larger number of components/spares; induction of fuel efficient vehicles; and reorganisation of units to reduce manpoewr requirement and maintenance expenditure.

Modernisation of Ordnance Depots

3528. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to modernise the Ordnance Depots;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the special surplus Stores Disposal Committee has affected the disposals of surplus, obsolete stores since it commenced functioning;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) the amount of revenue which has been accrued to the Army as a result of the disposals of surplus stores?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) A Project Report for the modernisation of the Kanpur Ordnance Depot is under preparation. The proposal includes replacement of the World War II vintage storage sheds, built to temporary specifications, by modern, storied storage sheds and modernisation of the handling and fire-fighting equipment.

(c) to (e) The Special Surplus Stores Disposal Committee set up a year ago has disposed of surplus/obsolete defence stores and class A&B vehicles to the extent of 17274 MTs and 4640 numbers, respectively. The total revenue accrued to the Army as a result of such'disposal is 68.09 crores.

Use of indigenous items by defence

3529. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence PSUs are taking any measures to indigenous system, sub-systems and components;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the overall indigenous content in the production of Defence PSUs at present?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Defence PSUs are indig-enising a large number of assemblies, sub-assemblies and components of a variety of equipment like aircraft/helicopters, warships and auxi-liary vessels, communication equipment, radar, optical/opto-electronic equipment!, aircraft towing tractors, earthmoving equipment, missiles and a wide variety of sophisticated alloys. oys.

(c) The indigenous content on an overall basis in the production of Defence PSUs is presently around 70 per cent.

Elected Boards in Cantonments

3530. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cantonment areas at present in different parts of the country with details thereof;

(b) the number out of them which have elected bodies at present to run-their affairs;

(c) whether Government propose to have elected boards in all cantonments in the country; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?